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### 1. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS MANSFIELD MET WITH CHOU IN PEKING HOSPITAL THURSDAY (AP SUN, PHINQ; WP). NYT ADDS THAT SENATOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA. S-N (12/12) HAS PHOTO OF SENATOR MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO-PING.

NCNA SAYS THAT SINCE SEPT, PRC HAS ADDED THREE NEW INTERNATIONAL AIR ROUTES -- PEKING-TOKYO, PEKING-KARACHI-PARIS AND PEKING-TEHRAN-BUCHAREST-TIRANA-- UNCLASSIFIED

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BRINGING TOTAL TO SEVEN (JOC).

NYT (HK) REPORTS THAT IN APPARENT RESPONSE TO HK'S DECISION TO RETURN FLEEING REFUGEES TO PRC, CHINESE

ARE SIGNIFICANTLY SLOWING DOWN FLOW OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTO COLONY. HKG DENIES REDUCED FLOW IS RESULT OF ANY AGREEMENT WITH CHINA; BUT, ACCORDING TO HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL, COLONY'S DECISION TO RETURN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WAS MADE IN ORDER TO CREATE CLIMATE FOR PRC TO CUT DOWN ON GRANTING OF EXIT PERMITS.

ROC TOURIST BUREAU SAYS TOTAL OF 360,948 TOURISTS VISITED TAIWAN DURING PAST SUMMER SEASON -- DROP

OF 11.7 PERCENT FROM SUMMER 1973 (AP, WP).

S-N'S YMELDA DIXON (DEC 12) COVERS CONGRESSIONAL PREVIEW OF PRC ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT. SEN. AND MRS. HUGH SCOTT WERE LIONS OF THE EVENING, BUT HOUSE REMAINED IN SESSION UNTIL 10 PM, MAKING IT POSSIBLE ONLY FOR MEMBERS' WIVES TO VIEW EXHIBIT. SCOTT COMMENTED THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INTO POLITICAL DISCUSSION WHEN ASKED TO COMPARE PRC'S TREASURES WITH THOSE HAULED TO TAIWAN BY CKS, BUT ADDED THAT "THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING EXHIBITION I HAVE EVER SEEN. THERE IS NOTHING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD LIKE THE BRONZES."

EARLIER, PRCLO OFFICIAL CHI CHAO-CHU HAD BEEN WILLING TO MAKE THE COMPARISON, SAYING THAT THE COLLECTION "FAR EXCEEDS THE ONE IN TAIWAN ALTHOUGH TAIWAN'S IS MARVELOUS. BUT THESE WERE ALL EXCAVATED AFTER LIBERATION FROM 1949 TO 1972. WE DON'T MIND AS LONG AS THE ANCIENT TREASURES STAY IN TAIWAN. THEY STILL BELONG TO US AND SOMEDAY WE'LL GET THEM BACK."

AP (TOKYO) REPORTS GOJ AUTHORITIES SAY TWO REFUGEES FROM PRC (IDENTIFIED AS LIONG KWOCK-JIANG AND WUNG CHEW, BOTH 22 AND BELIEVED FROM CANTON), WHO SOUGHT SANCTUARY ON AMERICAN FREIGHTER IN HK HARBOR EIGHT DAYS AGO, HAVE ASKED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN US. KOBE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS LEARNED OF INCIDENT WHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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FREIGHTER DOCKED THERE DEC. 13. GOJ OFFICIALS SAY PAIR WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LAND IN JAPAN AND WILL BE PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE. SHIP LEAVES KOBE SUNDAY FOR LOS ANGELES, THEY REPORT.

## 2. KOREA

PHINQ'S BARTLETT AND STEELE WRITE THAT ROKG IS MOVING TO EXPEL US MISSIONARY GEORGE OGLE, "APPARENTLY WITH TACIT DOS BACKING". THEY SAY EMBASSY SEOUL, ACTING ON BEHALF OF ROKG, INFORMED OGLE HE WILL BE DEPORTED UNLESS HE SIGNS STATEMENT DICTATED BY SK GOVT. IN SK, THEY OBSERVE, IT BELIEVED THAT MOST IF NOT ALL US

MISSIONARIES WILL BE DEPORTED IN COMING MONTHS, IF THERE IS LITTLE OR NO RESPONSE TO OGLE DEPORTATION IN SK OR IN US. THEY NOTE MANY US MISSIONARIES INVOLVED IN SAME EFFORT AS OGLE, TO OPPOSE PARK REGIME'S ELIMINATION OF FREEDOM, AND TO IMPROVE LOT OF SK WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM EMPLOYED IN SWEATSHOPS BUILT WITH US ECONOMIC AID, CHIEF BENEFICIARIES OF WHICH ARE SELECT GROUP OF ROKG OFFICIALS, FORMER OFFICIALS AND GENERALS, AND JOINT VENTURES WITH US AND JAPANESE FIRMS.

OGLE, THEY REPORT, REJECTED EMBASSY INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGN STATEMENT AGREEING TO REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY. INSTEAD, IN LETTER TO ACTING FM, HE ASKED WHY HE WAS THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION WHEN NO FORMAL CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM, AND WHY ONLY INFORMATION GIVEN HIM HAS COME SECOND HAND, FROM EMBASSY. 15 OTHER US MISSIONARIES (8 RC, SEVEN PROTESTANT) HAVE SENT ROKG LETTER IN SUPPORT OF OGLE POSITION.

### 3. BURMA

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN ATTEMPT TO QUELL RANGOON RIOTS AFTER POLICE FIRED ON CROWDS ATTACKING POLICE STATIONS AND GOVT OFFICES. AT LEAST NINE REPORTED KILLED, SCORES WOUNDED AND 1800 ARRESTED (CSM; AP, SUN). RANGOON QUIET AS TROOPS ENFORCE MARTIAL LAW (AP, BALTO N-A 12/12). IN LATEST RIOTING, RAILWAY TICKET OFFICE, INLAND TRANSPORT OFFICE, AND GUB HOUSING DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTEDLY DESTROYED (AP, NYDN). US EMBASSY INFO OFFICER EDWARD FRANCO IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SAID RADIO CASUALTY FIGURES "WAY TOO LOW," AND OPPOSITION TO GOVT WAS OVER RISING PRICES AND ECON HARDSHIP RATHER THAN IDEOLOGY (AP, PHINQ). FRANCO SAID "THE MILITARY HAS BEEN VERY HEAVY-HANDED" AND HOSPITALS FILLING UP RAPIDLY WITH WOUNDED (AP, WP). GUB REPORTS CONDITIONS HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL. ALMOST ALL GOVT OFFICES OPERATE NORMALLY, WITH CIVIL ADMIN IN MIL HANDS AND DAWN-TO-DUSK CURFEW IN FORCE. GOVT ALSO REPORTED THAT 25 CARS HAD BEEN BURNED (REUTER, NYT). SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED INTO STRONG CHALLENGE TO NE WIN. TROOPS CONTINUE TO SURROUND RANGOON U AND POLICE STATIONS (WP).

NYT'S SHIPLER IN RANGOON SAYS STUDENTS AND MONKS WHO SEIZED ESTEEMED U THANT'S BODY SEEMED TO HAVE TAPPED BROAD AND PROFOUND VEIN OF SYMPATHY AMONG PEOPLE, WHO APPEAR TO HAVE SMOULDERING DISTASTE FOR AUTHORITARIAN REGIME THAT IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUMBLING ECONOMY. STATES FEW PRETEND TO KNOW INNER POLITICS OF BURMESE SOCIALIST PROGRAM PARTY,

BUT FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND BURMESE WHO ARE IN POSITION TO ASSESS EVENTS DOUBT THAT OPPOSITION CAN TOPPLE GOVT. IMPRESSION PREVAILS THAT NE WIN RETAINS COMMAND AND NO HINT OF DISSENT IS EVIDENT AMONG MILITARY, WHICH IS REAL SOURCE OF POWER. BUT GUB THOUGHT TO HAVE BLUNDERED BY APPARENT SNUB TO U THANT, ONCE CLOSE POLITICAL ALLY OF U NU. GOVT REFUSAL OF TOMB NEAR SHWEDAGON PAGODA SET STUDENTS OFF, BUT BY TIME IT

AGREED TO BURIAL NEAR HOLY SITE, PROTEST HAD DEEPEMED. SHIPLER NOTES THAT LATENT OPPOSITION RUNS BREADTH OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM.

#### 4. MALAYSIA

STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES IN KL, WITH 12,000 BOYCOTTING CLASSES. POLICE ARREST ONE STUDENT, DETAIN THREE TEACHERS AT U OF MALAYA (AFP, WP). AMCIT LAW LECTURER, HOWARD DICKSTEIN OF PHILADELPHIA, ORDERED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO LEAVE COUNTRY IN SEVEN DAYS FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATIONS; HE JOINED 11 LAW PROFS IN PETITIONING GOM EITHER TO TRY ARRESTED LAW PROF OR RELEASE HIM (UPI, WP, PHINQ, NYDN).

#### 5. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE FROM SYDNEY FINDS AUSSIE INSURANCE INDUSTRY APPREHENSIVE OF TIMES AHEAD BECAUSE OF INFLATION, SLOWDOWN IN EXPANSION, DROP IN PROFITABILITY, AND EXPECTED ENTRY OF GOA INTO FIELD. CONCLUDES THAT SOME COMPANIES WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE OR MERGE, AND THAT FEW NEW COMPANIES WILL ENTER MARKET, WHETHER FOREIGN-OWNED OR DOMESTICALLY-BACKED.

#### 6. DIEGO GARCIA

HOUSE APPROVES 18.1 MILLION FOR BASE CONSTRUCTION ON DIEGO GARCIA, ABOUT HALF OF DOD REQUEST, PROVIDED PRES CERTIFIES BASE NECESSARY FOR US SECURITY, AND NO FUNDS SPENT UNTIL NEW CONGRESS IN SESSION FOR 60 DAYS (WP; REUTER, SUN).

#### 7. INDOCHINA

SAIGON COMMAND ANNOUNCES FIFTY ABOARD KILLED WHEN VC MISSILE DOWNED LARGE ARVN CHINOOK CHOPPER NEAR KHMER BORDER (UPI, BALTO N-A 12/12; REUTER, NYT; CSM), IN WORST CRASH IN SVN'S HISTORY. FIELD REPORTS SAY CHOPPER BROUGHT DOWN BY SHOULDER-FIRED STRELA MISSILE (PHINQ; AP, SUN; WP).

COMMUNIST TROOPS REPORTEDLY HAVE STEPPED UP OFFENSIVE, STRIKING AT COMMUNICATIONS AND RELIEF EFFORTS BOTH IN DELTA AND IN AREAS NORTH OF SAIGON (CSM, AP, SUN). OFFICIALS ESTIMATE FIGHTING NEAR TANHLINH DISTRICT TOWN, 73 MILES NE OF SAIGON, MAY HAVE LOST 60,000 TONS OF RICE TO GVN OVER PAST WEEK (WP). THOUSANDS OF TROOPS IN ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY BATTLE

ABOUT SEVEN MILES FROM TAY NINH CITY, ACCORDING MIL UNCLASSIFIED

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SOURCES (REUTER SAIGON).

GKR TROOPS FIGHT FIERCELY TO REGAIN POSITIONS 11 MILES SE OF PP THAT WERE OVERRUN LAST WEEK (REUTER PP).

#### 8. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS RELEASES 261 MORE POLITICAL PRISONERS, BRINGING TOTAL IN PAST TWO DAYS TO 883; ORDERS REVIEW OF 282 OTHERS, TO SEE WHICH CASES CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO CIVIL COURTS. AMONG THOSE RELEASED IS JESUS LAVA, FORMER CP SEC GEN, CONVICTED OF LEADING ABORTIVE REBELLION IN 1950S (WP). FORMER DETAINEE NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO PRESS, AND MUST REPORT WEEKLY TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES. SEN AQUINO NOT RELEASED (UPI, PHINQ).

WP REPORTS WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE BY MRS. LECHOCO, WHOSE HUSBAND HELD AMB. ROMUALDEZ HOSTAGE NOV 19. SHE THANKED WASHINGTON RESIDENTS FOR THEIR "TOUCHING HELP", ASKED COURT'S MERCY FOR HUSBAND AND SAID HE ACTED TO FREE SON HELD HOSTAGE IN PHILIPPINES. PARENTS AND SIX CHILDREN LEFT PHILIPPINES IN 1972, SHE SAID, AFTER DEATH THREATS TO HUSBAND, WHO WAS ACTIVE IN ANTI-GOVT RALLIES.

#### 9. JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT TO MAIN OFFICE OF MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES; 3,000 EVACUATED, BUT POLICE FIND NO BOMB. OFFICE BLASTED IN AUGUST, KILLING EIGHT, INJURING 300. POLICE SUSPECT EAST ASIA ANTI-JAPAN ARMED FRONT IN THESE AND TWO OTHER RECENT BOMBINGS.

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO REPORTS SAUDIS PREPARING TO EXPAND DIRECT DEAL OIL SHIPMENTS TO INDEPENDENT JAPANESE REFINERIES, AFTER COMPLETE NATIONALIZATION OF ARAMCO. JAPANESE REFINERS HOPE SAUDIS WILL ELIMINATE CURRENT PRICE DIFFERENTIAL IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL MAJORS, WHO CURRENTLY HANDLE 97 PCT

OF JAPAN'S CRUDE OIL IMPORTS.  
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CULLISON ALSO REPORTS SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK BLEAK FOR MORE FOREIGN FIRMS TO ENTER JAPAN'S INSURANCE MARKET, AS INFLATION ERODES POLICY VALUES AND LOWERS PROFITABILITY.

JOC (TOKYO) SAYS NOMURA RESEARCH INSTITUTE PREDICTS

AVERAGE ANNUAL REAL GROWTH RATE OF 4.8 PCT FOR ONCE SWIFT-GROWING ECONOMY. NOMURA EXPECTS MIKI GOVT TO BE FORCED BY RECESSION AND INCREASING BANKRUPTCIES TO EASE FISCAL RESTRAINT SOMEWHAT DURING 1975'S SECOND QUARTER BUT REFRAIN FROM STIMULATING BUSINESS AND RE-SPARKING INFLATION.

#### 10. GENERAL

WSJ'S PEARLSTINE REVIEWS GENESIS AND DEVELOPMENT OF HASH HOUSE HARRIERS, IRREVERENT SPORTS CLUB OF FOREIGNERS IN ASIA WHO ARE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS ON WEEKENDS "TO DEVELOP GOOD THIRST TO DRINK OFF.; FOUNDED IN KL 37 YEARS AGO, HARRIERS NOW HAVE 25 CHAPTERS, FROM SYDNEY TO SEOUL, HK TO SARAWAK.

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 11. JAPAN

IN MIKI'S ADVENT, PHIL BULLETIN (DEC 9) SEES PARALLELS TO WATERGATE DEVELOPMENTS. BOTH TANAKA AND NIXON RODE ON CREST OF IMMENSE POPULARITY, THEN TUMBLED INTO ABYSS OF PUBLIC DISFAVOR. FORD WAS NOT MOST PROMINENT OR POWERFUL OF REPUBLICANS AVAILABLE AS VP BUT HAD, AMONG OTHER ASSETS, REPUTATION FOR HONESTY; MIKI, LDP'S ALTERNATE TO STRONGER CONTENDING RIVALS, HAS "MR. CLEAN" REPUTATION. LIKE FORD, HE INHERITS HEAVY BURDEN OF ECON TROUBLES AS WELL AS POLITICAL BURDEN OF BROADENING BASE, KNITTING UP HIS PARTY, AND EXERTING KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT WILL RESTORE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. BUT, ANALOGY CAN BE PRESSED TOO FAR. WHATEVER THE SEEMING SIMILARITIES, POLITICAL  
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SYSTEMS AND VIEWPOINTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT. IN MIKI, JAPAN WILL HAVE LEADER, PERHAPS AN INTERIM ONE, WHO IS NOT ONLY VETERAN LEGISLATOR BUT ONE WHO HAS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN HIGH ADMIN OFFICE. HE COMES FROM LDP'S "PROGRESSIVE" WING;

HE HAS BEEN ADVOCATE OF POLITICAL REFORMS.

CSM'S OKA, IN LONDON, SAYS NOBEL AWARD TO SATO WAS DESERVED MORE BY THE JAPANESE NATION THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL POLITICIAN, AND THAT SATO HIMSELF WOULD PROBABLY BE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THIS. SATO FORESWORE NUKES FOR JAPAN, AND DURING HIS PREMIERSHIP JAPAN SIGNED NPT. BUT SATO WAS IN FACT CARRYING ON POLICY IMPLIED IN JAPAN'S NO-WAR CONSTITUTION AND AFFIRMED BY ALL HIS POSTWAR PREDECESSORS. WEST SEEMS CONSISTENTLY TO HAVE UNDERESTIMATED BOTH STRENGTH

AND DURATION OF JAPAN'S COMMITMENT NOT TO REARM. FOR YEARS, JAPAN HAS SPENT LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF GNP ON DEFENSE. DEFENSE AGENCY MUST JUSTIFY ITS ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS TO FINANCE MINISTRY HATCHET MEN LONG BEFORE SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS IN PARLIAMENT GET CHANCE TO USE THEIR RHETORIC. SELF-DEFENSE FORCE IS NO LONGER CONTROVERSIAL, BUT IT REMAINS JUST THAT - A SELF-DEFENSE FORCE DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTEERS IN AGE OF RISING WAGE LEVELS AND INFLATION.

## 12. CHINA

NYT'S HILTON KRAMER, REVIEWING NATIONAL GALLERY'S PRC 385-PIECE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT, SAYS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, "IT IS A MERCY -- AS HENRY JAMES ONCE SAID OF CHARTRES -- THAT THE THING TURNS OUT TO BE AS FINE AS IT IS. AND INDEED THIS EXHIBITION IS CERTAINLY VERY FINE." IT CONTAINS OBJECTS "OF MOST AMAZING EXPRESSIVE POWER AND STYLISTIC REFINEMENT. WHAT IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, IS A CLEAR OR COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF CHINESE ART"; AND EXCEPT AT MOST SUPERFICIAL LEVEL OF ESTHETIC APPRECIATION, "IT IS NOT AN EXHIBITION EASILY UNDERSTOOD." FOR WESTERN LAYMAN UNINFORMED IN MYSTERIES OF EARLY CHINESE CIVILIZATION AND UNEQUIPPED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO EVALUATE IMPORTANCE OF OBJECTS ON VIEW, SHOW IS "SOMETHING OF A MEDIA EVENT" -- AND WOULD BE UNTRUTHFUL TO PRETEND THAT AIR OF EXCITEMENT AND EXPECTATION SURROUNDING EXHIBITION IS PRIMARILY ARTISTIC EXCITEMENT, EXCEPT FOR SOME SPECIALISTS IN CHINESE ANTIQUITIES.

KRAMER SAYS THAT, FOR REASONS HE PREFERS LEAVING TO POLITICAL ANALYSTS TO EXPLAIN, "WE SEEM TERRIBLY EAGER THESE DAYS TO FIND THINGS TO ADMIRE IN CHINA TODAY,' AND CHINESE HAVE PROVED "SHREWD JUDGES IN MINISTERING TO THIS APPETITE. THIS DISPLAY IS BY FAR THEIR MOST STUPENDOUS COUP IN THE STRANGE WORLD OF EAST-WEST CULTURAL EXCHANGE -- A WORLD IN WHICH ESSENTIALLY NON-POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE USED AS COUNTERS IN A GAME

OF SECURING POLITICAL ADVANTAGE." HOWEVER, IT IS COUP BASED ON SOMETHING REAL, FOR AS FEAT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH, SHOW REPRESENTS "STUNNING ACHIEVEMENT" BOTH IN GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF EXCAVATIONS AND HISTORICAL RANGE OF PERIODS ENCOMPASSED. "THIS MASSIVE RESEARCH EFFORT HAS BEEN TRULY SPECTACULAR, AND IT HAS NETTED A BREATHTAKING QUANTITY OF OBJECTS OF ESTHETIC AS WELL AS HISTORICAL INTEREST...WE ARE LEFT WITH A VIVID SENSE OF THE HIGH ATTAINMENTS OF BOTH ANCIENT CHINESE CULTURE AND MODERN RESEARCH" INTO THE PAST.

KRAMER ADDS THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED HAD PRC PERMITTED GALLERY TO PUBLISH "TRULY INFORMATIVE CATALOGUE," AS WAS ALLOWED BRITISH HOSTS OF EXHIBIT. BUT AMERICANS "WERE REQUIRED TO LIMIT THEMSELVES TO THE MEAGER, VAGUELY PROPAGANDISTIC DATA SUPPLIED BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES." WHERE GALLERY SCORES COUP OF ITS OWN IS IN DAZZLING INSTALLATION DESIGNED FOR EXHIBIT. THERE IS NO SUGGESTION OF PROLETARIAN STARKNESS HERE, EVERY OBJECT IS ENCLOSED IN ATMOSPHERE OF GLAMOUR AND HIGH GLOSS; BUT IT ERRS IN DIRECTION OF OVERBEAUTIFYING.

IN TOM DOWLING'S VIEW (S-N, DEC 12), NATIONAL GALLERY (NGA), WHEN CONFRONTED WITH PRC'S INSISTENCE THAT CERTAIN FOREIGN JOURNALISTS BE BARRED FROM PRESS PREVIEW, WAS LEFT WITH "DIM INSPIRATION" OF HAULING INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ACT DOS -- WHOSE ADVICE "IS TRADITIONALLY SO FUDGY AND ELLIPTICAL AS TO BE SAFELY IGNORED." THAT LEFT NGA WITH THREE CHOICES. FIRST WAS TO TELL CHINESE "TO BUZZ OFF" -- CHOICE THAT HAD CHARACTER, "A KIND OF STURDY NO-NONSENSE ACT OF HONOR WHICH WOULD BE APPLAUDED EVERYWHERE." THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN "NOBLE GESTURE OF HISTORIC DIMENSION, WORTH A FOOTNOTE AT LEAST IN ANY CONCISE HISTORY OF THE WORLD." NATURALLY, IT WAS REJECTED.

GALLERY'S SECOND CHOICE, MEEKLY TO CAPITULATE TO OUTRAGEOUS PRC DEMAND, PRESUMABLY WAS FAVORED AT "PUSILLANIMOUS" DOS, AND MUCH IN KEEPING WITH ART GALLERY MENTALITY, WHICH TENDS TOWARD OBSEQUIOUSNESS WHEN DEALING WITH THE POWERFUL. BUT THIS WOULD HAVE INFLAMED "USUALLY BOVINE FRATERNITY OF NEWSPAPER EDITORIALISTS" TO DEMANDS HEADS IN DOS AND NGA; THEREFORE, IT ALSO WAS REJECTED.

THIS LEFT THIRD CHOICE--SIMPLY TO CANCEL PRESS PREVIEW AND PRETEND IT NEVER EXISTED; THIS WAS "MOST PALTRY, MOST SNIVELING, MOST WEASEL-LIKE CHOICE AVAILABLE. NATURALLY, IT WAS TAKEN ... WHAT BETTER WAY TO KEEP



THE PRESS FREE THAN TO CANCEL THE PRESS REVIEW?" VIRTUE OF "PALTRY CENSORSHIP AS PRACTICED HEREABOUTS IS THAT IT DOES NO REAL HARM AND REDUCES ITS OFFICIAL PRACTITIONERS TO FIGURES OF SUCH RIDICULOUSNESS THAT THEY CAN NEVER BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO MASS THE KIND OF POWER WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO PRACTICE THE MORE SINISTER BRANDS OF CENSORSHIP TO WHICH THEIR BASIC INSTINCTS DRAW THEM."

13. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE POLITICAL EXPERT JAMIESON BROWN (CSM) IN CANBERRA SEES IN WHITLAM COMBINATION OF HENRY V AND HAMLET; UNDISPUTED LEADER, SEASONED STRATEGIST AND CAMPAIGNER, BOLD INITIATOR, CAPABLE OF HARD FIGHTING AND OF SUDDEN (IF SOMETIMES IMPETUOUS) SALLIES. HE IS ALSO THE INDECISIVE PRINCE, MOODY, MUTTERING ABOUT RESIGNATION, UNCERTAIN IN LOYALTIES UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESSURABLE, CHANGEABLE.

ALP CAME TO POWER LARGELY BECAUSE WHITLAM WELDED PARTY TOGETHER, REFORMED ORGANIZATION, BROUGHT LEFT WING INTO SOME SORT OF LINE, AND MADE ALP LOOK RESPECTABLE, VIGOROUS, MODERN, EVEN EXCITING.

SECURE WITHIN ALP, WHITLAM IS NOT SECURE IN OFFICE BECAUSE ALP DOES NOT HOLD SENATE MAJORITY AND THEORETICALLY COULD BE TURNED OUT ALMOST ANY TIME. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THIS IS PROBABLE ABOUT MAY NEXT YEAR. OTHERS, INCLUDING BROWN, SEE ALP MORE LIKELY TO RUN ITS FULL TERM UNTIL 1977 BECAUSE OPPOSITION LACKS UNITY AND IS UNIMAGINATIVE.

AFTER TWO YEARS IN OFFICE, ALP HAS NOT FULFILLED OWN EXPECTATIONS, BUT HAS CHANGED SOMEWHAT FACE AND IMAGE OF AUSTRALIA. DOMESTICALLY, ALTHOUGH DOGGED BY GALLOPING INFLATION PARTLY OF ITS OWN MAKING, GOA HAS SET IN MOTION MAJOR PARTS OF ITS PROGRAM OF SOCIAL CHANGE. ABROAD, GOA HAS REVEALED MORE NATIONALISTIC, LESS IDEOLOGICAL, MORE IDEALISTIC AUSTRALIA - FAR CRY FROM HOLT'S "ALL THE WAY WITH LBJ."

BROWN NOTES ALP HAS ALIENATED SOME WHO PUT IT INTO POWER, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF MIDDLECLASS WHO HAD BECOME DISSATISFIED WITH FOSSILIZED CONSERVATISM OF ALP'S PREDECESSORS. ALP ALSO HAS ITS CRITICS FROM WITHIN: THOSE WHO GLIMPSED PROMISED LAND AND FIND IT AS FAR AWAY AS EVER; THOSE WHO WANT SOCIALIST STATE AND SEE WHITLAM AS CONSERVATIVE; THOSE WHOSE SPECIAL INTEREST HAS BEEN LOST IN COMPLEXITIES OF

GOVERNING. FOR ALL THAT, SENSE OF ACTIVITY, OF GRAPPLING WITH PROBLEMS, REMAINS; ALP MAY NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHERE IT IS GOING, BUT IS DETERMINED TO GET THERE.

LAT'S LAMB IN CANBERRA (12/12) SEES EUPHORIA GONE AND WHITLAM FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL AS COUNTRY'S ECONOMY FOLLOWS INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD'S DOWNWARD TREND. AT 3.2 PCT, UNEMPLOYMENT HIGHEST SINCE

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DEPRESSION, AND INFLATION IS NEAR 25 PCT. RURAL INDUSTRIES HAVE SLUMPED, URBAN COMMUNITIES ARE SHAKEN BY BANKRUPTCIES, AND STRIKES HAVE HIT RECORD HIGH, AS HAVE WORKERS' WAGES. WHITLAM HAS BEEN FORCED TO ABANDON MANY COMMITMENTS TO LABOR TRADITIONS AND HAS BEGUN SOUNDING "SURPRISINGLY" PRO-BUSINESS AND ANTI-UNION IN LATEST PRONOUNCEMENTS. HE RECENTLY URGED PARLIAMENT TO SLASH INCOME AND BUSINESS TAXES AND TO PUMP FUNDS INTO CONSTRUCTION TO "CREATE CONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION AND RESTRAINT" TO AVOID ECON DESPAIR.

LAMB SEES MUCH IN WHITLAM'S RECORD TO BE PROUD OF: REALISTIC AND INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY, SUPPORT FOR ARTS, INCREASED DIGNITY FOR ABORIGINES, END TO WHITE-AUSTRALIA POLICY, TALK OF BUYING BACK FARMS FROM FOREIGN INVESTORS, AND ADVICE TO AUSSIES TO START BELIEVING IN AUSTRALIA. BUT PM IS HAMPERED BY LABOR MOVEMENT AND SURROUNDED BY POLITICALLY IMMATURE COLLEGUES. MANY OBSERVERS ARE ALREADY WRITING LABOR GOVT'S OBIT SINCE WHITLAM'S POPULARITY RATING HAS SUNK TO 35 PCT; LABOR PARTY WAS THRASHED IN QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS, AND SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS ARE DEFECTING FROM LABOR RANKS. WHITLAM IS ON MUCH-CRITICIZED FIVE-WEEK OFFICIAL TRIP TO EUROPE WHILE OPPOSITION LEADER SNEDDEN IS IN US ON OFFICIAL JUNKET. LAMB SEES ONE MAJOR GOA FAILING: INABILITY TO HARMONIZE BROAD LABOR OBJECTIVES OF SOCIALIZATION WITH AUSTRALIA'S TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC, CAPITALISTIC SYSTEM. WHITLAM'S BATTLE IS ONE "HE IS DESTINED TO LOSE." KISSINGER

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